French Writer Remarks on American Coolness and Severity at Coblenz-More Unfriendly Than Others.

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PARIS, April 8.—The Americans treat the Germans with more coldness and severity than any of the troops in the occupied zones along the river Rhine, according to Rene Blum, a French writer, who has just made a tour of the occupied portion of Germany.

At Mayence and in other towns in the zone occupied by the French army Blum finds the Germans quite content.

Gen. Mangin, who is as much a diplomat as a warrior, has felt the importance to our future relations with the Rhine people of the present occupation." writes Hlum. "He has not attempted to upset German customs. He has in every way attempted to recall to the Germans of the Rhine country the time when they themselves wished to be French. He has encouraged all manifestations tending to develop an economic rapprochement between France and the Rhine people."

And Blum further reveals that Gen. Mangin, surrounded by officers of his staff, attended a representation of a Wagnerian opera in the opera house at Mayence.

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But at Coblenz the French writer finds that the civilian population "avoid all contact with the American troops."

"We are not so well treated here as at Mayence," he quotes a German hotel proprietor as saying. "The discipline has relaxed a little since the first days of the American occupation, but the Americans treat us harshly and with great contempt. They have plenty of regulations to govern us and for the least fault they punish us severely."

"At first view the English sector at Cologne has the same appearance as the American sector," continues Blum, "but there is less of the coldness that one sees at Coblenz. The English are not, like the Americans, the grave and thoughtful conquerors. They have, with eyen a little more of the 'let-things-go,' the same carefree attitude of the French toward the Germans. In the beautiful shops of the Hohestrasse I have seen the English and the Germans chatting freely in a familiar manner."

SEEK INDORSEMENT OF WOMEN SUFFRAGE

North Carolina Holding Biggest State Convention.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 8.—Friends of woman suffrage at the opening today of the biggest Democratic state convention since the Republican party lost control of the state in 1838 expressed confidence in the belief that not only would enfranchisement of women be indorsed but that the convention would select Mrs. Palmer Jerman as a member of its "big four" delegation to San Francisco in June. Twenty-four delegates are to be named and these will go to the national convention pledged to support the candidate receiving the plurality vote in the primary.

Women who were elected delegates from several counties are here to participate in the convention for the first time. While there are a number of delegations with instructions to oppose any indorsement of woman suffrage by the convention, party leaders do not believe a fight will result over seating the women delegates.

Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, temporary chairman, will deliver the keynute speech at the convention. United States Senator Lee S. Overman also will make an address on national issues.

BANKERS ATTEND INTERESTING MEETING

Members of the American Institute of Banking had the livest and most interesting meeting in the career of the local chapter Wednesday night at the clubrooms in the Union and Planters bank. All seats were taken, indicating that the organization is meeting expectations of those who have striven to make it of value to younger members of the banking fraternity.

The subject outlined for discussion was three-connered, and a representative from each of the three systems of banking outlined advantages and defects of each. J. A. Denton, of the First National, presented advantages of the national system with due admittance of its defects, while Randall Mc-Elrop of the Union and Planters, outlined the strong points and the weak ones of the one operating under state charters.

V. S. Fuqua, of the local branch, then succinctly told of the merits of the federal reserve system and opened the floodgates of discussion by offering to answer queries. Naturally most questions were as to points of weakness in the new system, and the round table proved the feature of the meeting and aroused much pleasantry and interest.

Gilmer P. Winston, who was the presiding officer, announced that he did not care to render any decision as to the merits of the presentations, so he called John D. Martin, a visior, to make some remarks, which he did by awarding the plum to the system which apparently was in a minority as to favor among those present.

BILOXI CELEBRATES 221ST ANNIVERSARY

RILOXI, Miss., April 8.—Biloxi, sec-ond oldest city in the United States, celebrated its two hundred and twenty-first anniversary today. A huge gran-ite houlder inscribed with significant dates in the city's history was unveiled on the spot where d'Iberville, the French adventurer, is believed to have first landed.

URGES REJECTION OF WILSON'S LABOR PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Flat rejection of the plan proposed by President Wilson's second industrial conference for the settling of labor unrest was urged before the senate labor committee today by W. Jett Lauck, secretary of the old war labor board. Mr. Lauck was the first witness at hearings on the conference plan preliminary to the drafting of legislation to carry into effect such of it as the committee may deem advisable.

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WASHINGTON, April 8.—Irish pickets appeared at the British embassy again today and were promptly arrested by the police on charges of violating a federal statute.

They were Misses Mary Galvin, Philadelphia; Maura Quinn, Jamaica Plains, Mass. Katherine McKeon, Philadelphia. The women did not furnish bail and were taken to the house of detention to await preliminary trial before United States Commissioner Richardson. They probably will be heard Monday along with the other four arrested earlier in the week.

TURKS BURN ORPHANAGE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8. (By the Associated Press.)—The Turks have destroyed the village of Harouniyi, northeast of Adana, and burned the American orphanage there. Two thousand Armenian orphanages were removed under fire and taken to Adana in safety by William Gilbert, Jr., of Yonkers, N. Y.

ASK PARTITION.

Partition of property is asked in a bill filed in chancery court. Thursday by Billy Williams, naming as defend-ants Leah Boyd, Crawley Williams and



A sale of interest in

Corsets

girdle, for these are all fresh, new goods and are placed in this sale at a big savings,



\$3.50 corsets, new models, standard makes; for

Both back and front lace corsets of fine brocades and coutil, excellent models.

\$3.00 elastic girdles for sports \$2.39 wear; for

These girdles are very popular for sports wear and are to be had in pink fabric in models that give service and comfort.

Corset store-second floor

The well-known "Jack Tar"

Girls' sportswear

garments

Middy blouses and skirts

A manufacturer whose products are very

much in demand and at prices that are un-

usually reasonable, considering quality and

"Jack Tar" middy blouses

Sizes 6 to 22 can be had in these middles of

fine jeans of fine grades, in models that show

the latest style ideas; all white or white with,

\$2.50 and \$3.50

"Jack Tar" middy skirts

A fine white jeans was used in these skirts,

in sizes 6 to 14 years, in plaited models on

waists or on bands, in sizes 8 to 18 years,

\$3.95

Children's store-third floor.

Wonderful values in a sale of

Glove silk underwear -of the well-known "Niagara Maid" brand

-featuring the garments miladi will welcome in

values much out of the regular because of spe-

Underwear section-second floor.

colored trimmings-

cial purchases-

bears

\$7.00 glove silk teddy

\$6.00 and \$7.00 glove silk

\$4.00 glove silk camisoles

\$5.00 glove silk vests

A special selling of interest in blouses

A thousand spring and midsummer blouses, all dainty, fresh and new, in a most delightful coloring, in a special sale, reflecting values far out of the ordinary.

When one sees these beautiful georgette blouses, some of which are rather tailored in styles, variously trimmed in laces, tucks, embroideries, all beautifully made, the values will instantly become apparent—

Blouses of fine georgette crepe would sell regularly for \$10.00 choice-



Blouse Store-Second Floor.

Blouses of lovely georgette crepe that sold formerly for \$15.00

choice-

Values Unsurpassed in

House garments

at savings the woman, who loves smart things for



and gingham; choice \$6.39 \$10.00 house dresses, percale

unusually attractive plaids, stripes and solid col-ors in models that show the latest style ideas, many dainty trimmed effects.

styles; priced \$1.69

of a fine grade of percale in striped and fancy effects, shown in two excellent models, open down back and slip-on styles.

(Housewear Section-Fourth Floor.)

Special purchase women's silk frocks

-with every charming fashion at its best



Choice of the Lot for \$33.50—Actually Worth Double

Apparel store-second floor,

Splendid assortments of the

Correct knitted garments

Spring weights, garments on which will be found savings that will be appreciated-

Women's \$1.25 jersey bloomers, lisle fin- 98c of lisle thread in pink and white, and are made over perfect models and beautifully finished.

Women's \$1.00 and \$1.25 lisle thread

Women's 50c lisle thread vests, sleeve- 39c neck and armholes.

Children's \$1.00 muslin union suits, having buttons taped on.

perfectly tailored.

Underwear section-main floor.

Exceptionally low prices placed on

Crepe de chine undergarments

-as an incentive for early buying-

To \$20.00 crepe de chine nightgowns, \$9.98 trimmed, beautiful models.

To \$15.00 crepe de chine envelope of the popular laces, exquisite styles.

\$1.50 silk corset covers, effective \$1.00 -back and front are both daintily lace trimmed with filet laces.

Fourth floor,

A Thousand Individual Hats in a Sale



We will place on sale in the morning a thousand clever hats—the best conceptions of the master mind in the creative millinery world, reflecting modes for every particular type. In these three groups, as advertised today, are complete displays of the new models which have met with great success, with fine artistic lines as adapted to meet the demands of the different types and every occasion considered.

There are hats for street, hats for dress, hats for semidress, even hats for sports wear. Styles range from trimmed to tailored hats with wide, gracefully drooping brims and colors are vivid as one wishes. Flowers used with true appreciation of colors, ribbon in the tailored effects, becoming fruits and individual touches countless; all assembled in the three groups and marked at these ridiculously low prices-

Millinery rooms-third floor.

